# THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### DE 09-035

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

#### Motion to Continue Reliability Enhancement Plan

#### **ORDER OF NOTICE**

On June 10, 2015, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource or Company) filed a 2015 Public Service Company of New Hampshire Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement (Agreement) to resolve issues related to Eversource's continued ownership of electric generating assets. The parties to the Agreement agreed that Eversource's Reliability Enhancement program (REP) should not lapse on June 30, 2015, and should continue through June 2016.

In support of this accord, Eversource on June 10, 2015 filed a motion to continue the REP and to implement a distribution rate change on July 1, 2015, on a temporary basis, to ensure that there is continued and consistent funding for the Company's REP activities. The rate includes a reconciliation of costs incurred by the Company in 2013 and 2014, and expenses planned for July 2015 through June 2016. The temporary rate proposed by Eversource is an increase of 0.070 cents per kilowatt hour over current distribution rates.

In addition to this rate change, Eversource has proposed changes to rates for effect with services rendered on and after July 1, 2015 as follows: DE 14-236, adjustment to the average stranded cost adjustment charge, DE 14-235, adjustment to the energy service rate, and DE 15-136, adjustment to the average transmission cost adjustment factor rate. The Commission will hold the hearings on these dockets on June 17, 2015 beginning at 9:00. The hearings shall

proceed in the following order: DE 14-236, DE 14-235, DE 15-136 and DE 09-035, the instant docket.

The filing raises, <u>inter alia</u>, issues related to whether Eversource appropriately calculated the reconciliation and whether the proposed temporary rates are just and reasonable pursuant to RSA 378:7, and in the public interest and supported by reports filed by Eversource with the Commission pursuant RSA 378:27. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

### Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

**ORDERED**, that a Hearing pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on June 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Executive Director shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice on the Commission's website upon its issuance; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Eversource and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 16, 2015, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before June 17, 2015.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eleventh day of June, 2015.

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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